

LIBRARY WORKERS MEET IN CAPITAL

Delegates Here From Canada and Practically All the American States.

EDUCATION OF PUBLIC THEME FOR DISCUSSION

Speakers Will Consider Ways of Making Books More Useful to Average Man.

Washington is welcoming today to the National Capital about 1,200 men and women who are doing a big work in the education of all classes, many of whom, deprived of a chance to study in classrooms, are using their spare time in home study under the sympathetic guidance of the librarians of the country.

The American Library Association opens a five-day conference here tomorrow. Delegates are coming in by every train and car, and being made comfortable by Dr. George F. Bowerman, local librarian, who is chairman of the arrangements committee, and by George B. Utley of Chicago, secretary of the American Library Association, who arrived here last evening.

These librarians of state and city public libraries and of special libraries are coming here for the purpose of exchanging ideas and considering measures designed to make the public and other libraries more useful.

Delegates From Distant Points.

Delegates have been registered from the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada, and from nearly all of the states of the Union, including Washington, Oregon, California and New Mexico. The most distant delegate comes from Edmonton, Alberta.

The American Library Association has more than 2,800 members scattered throughout almost every important city and many small towns in the United States, Canada and some foreign countries.

Several closely affiliated organizations will hold sessions concurrently, among them being the Normal and High School Librarians, Special Libraries Association, American Association of Law Libraries and League of Library Commissions. Separate meetings also will be held of the agricultural libraries section, profession training section, section on library work with children, catalogue section, trustees' section and college and reference section.

In connection with the convention there will be an interesting exhibit at the Washington Public Library, showing all the latest and most improved labor-saving devices, an exhibit of school libraries, brought together by the United States bureau of education, and an exhibit of the work of the Washington Public Library. Sixty-three large manufacturers of these labor-saving devices have installed exhibits.

To Extend Formal Welcome.

Dr. Herbert Putnam, librarian of Congress, will extend the formal greetings to the delegates at the opening of the general session, which will be held to which Edwin H. Anderson, director of the New York Public Library and president of the association, will respond.

Immediately afterward Mr. Anderson will make his annual address as president, speaking to the topic "The Tax on Ideas." The libraries of Washington will be shown in an illustrated lecture by H. H. B. Meyer, chief of the division of bibliography, library of Congress.

All arrangements for the conference have been made under the direction of Dr. George F. Bowerman, librarian of the Washington Public Library, and the exhibition of labor-saving devices has been arranged by C. Seymour Thompson, secretary of the association.

Of the four general sessions of the American Library Association, the opening meeting tomorrow night and the meetings of Tuesday and Wednesday will be held in the auditorium of the Memorial Continental Hotel. The closing general session, Friday afternoon, will be held at the New Willard Hotel. All other meetings of the American Library Association and of the Special Libraries Association will be held at the New Willard. The National Association of State Librarians and the American Association of Law Libraries will meet at the New Willard.

Plan to Avoid Conflict.

The meetings of the affiliated organizations and the various sections will be held mornings and afternoons so as not to conflict with the general session.

The second general session, Tuesday evening, will include the following addresses: "The Need of National Archive Building," by Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, director of the department of historical research, Carnegie Institution of Washington; "The Library and the Immigrant," by John Foster Carr, director, Immigration and Education Society, New York City, and "Libraries for Rural Communities," by Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education.

The third general session will discuss papers by C. K. Bolton, librarian of the Boston Athenaeum, on the "Present Trend," Katharine Hinton Wootton, librarian, Carnegie Library, Atlanta, Ga., on "Recent Library Development in the South," and Robert W. de Forest, president, and Miss Leila Steadman, secretary of the American Federation of Arts, on "The Educational Work of the American Federation of Arts."

An interesting paper on "Prestige" will be presented at the fourth session, Friday afternoon, by N. C. Carlton, librarian, Newberry Library, Chicago. Miss Agnes Van Valkenburg, instructor of the library school of the New York Public Library, will give a series of readings from recent fiction. The remainder of the afternoon will be devoted to business and the receipt of the report of the tellers of election.

Membership Embraces Europe.

The Special Libraries Association, which will hold supplementary sessions, was organized in 1909, and now has a membership of 209, in which are represented libraries in England, Hungary, Belgium, India and Germany, as well as in practically all the states of the Union.

These librarians are associated with business organizations such as fire insurance companies, public service corporations, municipal reference libraries, engineering firms, banking associations and houses, gas and electric companies, social service organizations, automobile and other manufacturers, financial institutions, and civil engineers, mechanical and chemical engineering houses.

The president of this organization is Dr. N. Handy of the Insurance Library Association, Boston, and the secretary-treasurer is Guy E. Marlon of the Arthur T. Little Company, Boston. During the week there will be papers from Eugene F. McKelvie, manager of the Central Fruit Dispatch, Chicago, on the "Library of the Boston Co-operative Information Bureau," Brainerd Dyer of the National Carbon Company, Miss O. M. Smith of the International Health Commission, E. C. Wolf of the Curtis Publishing Company, Miss O. Z. Marley of the Retail Credit Company, Atlanta, as well as others. The meetings will be held in the New Willard and special exhibits will be on display in the Gridiron room of the New Willard Hotel.

PUBLIC WORK MAY SEE NEW BUREAU BUILDING

Structure Is Regarded as a Model in Accommodations for Employees.

Good Meals Are Served by the Restaurant at a Minimum of Cost.

The new building of the bureau of engraving and printing is now open to public observation, although there are but a few things to see, and the touches of a finished structure. Competent guides will show sightseers about.

The processes of manufacturing paper money, bonds and securities, postage and revenue stamps and other engraved printing for Uncle Sam are exhibited from excellent vantage points. Small galleries run around each workroom of the big manufacturing plant, where visitors can look down upon the operations and gain adequate idea of how it is all done.

The luncheon on the top floor and the adjoining roof gardens, now in full operation, will be especially interesting to onlookers. In the luncheon, one for man and the other for woman employees of the bureau, there gather in the course of the day nearly every one of the more than 4,100 employees. In the course of the day 1,400 "regular" dinners are sold at a cost of 15 cents each.

Dinners for 15 Cents.

Here is a regular dinner menu: Broiled trout, scalloped tomatoes, creamed potatoes, bread and butter, coffee. Another: Braised short rib of beef, spaghetti, creamed potatoes, bread and butter, coffee. This means a piece of fish as big as one's hand and a portion of beef large enough for a mighty hungry man. Four pieces of bread go with best creamery butter.

A bowl of clam chowder one day, a Brunswick stew another day and other dishes of the same category on other days with three pieces of bread and butter are dispensed for a nickel. Five cents will buy two excellent oranges.

And the bill of fare will contain baked beans, potato salad, spaghetti, lettuce and egg salad, lettuce and tomato sandwich, ham sandwich, cup custard, pie, pudding, baked apple and ice cream, strawberry shortcake. Some days there is deviled crab or a hot Frankfurter sandwich.

Milk, ginger ale, coffee and tea are the drinks dispensed.

Fruit and candy are offered in wide assortment.

Cleanliness a Watchword.

The lunch counters are attended by clean, white-aproned attendants. The pots and pans, containers and crockery are as clean as hand labor can make them.

For the midday recess for luncheon the employees are released from work in three relays, each for a half hour between the time of 11:45 and 12:45 o'clock. After lunch the employees find time to patronize the roof gardens. One is set apart for the use of the woman employees and another for men. There is a music box playing on the woman's roof during recess hour, and many women practice the steps of the new dances at this time. Others sit around and chat or exchange visits. Smoking is permitted on the men's roof, the only place in the building.

Awning will be set in place on the roofs in a few days, and provide an agreeable shade from the heat of the summer's sun.

PLANS DAYLIGHT TRIPS.

N. and W. Steamers to Adopt New Summer Schedule.

Plans for the new day route which the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company will this summer inaugurate between this city, Old Point and Norfolk have been perfected. Commencing July 2, the steamer Newport News will be put on a tri-weekly schedule, leaving this city at 7:45 a. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and from Norfolk at the same hour Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. This new service will give many who have never been enabled to see the Potomac river by daylight an opportunity to do so. Travelers so that while the Potomac has not the grandeur of the Hudson, which is visited each season by thousands of tourists, it is one of the most beautiful waterways in the world and in a quiet manner rivals the Hudson, so that a trip by daylight will be a revelation to those unacquainted with it.

The steamer will make these daylight trips during July and August, and the days are long and the scenery can be enjoyed along the whole length of the Potomac and Chesapeake bay.

The steamer Newport News has recently been made practically a new steamer and will be found well adapted for a pleasure outing of the kind the local company has arranged. The Norfolk and Washington line is the first of the Chesapeake bay lines to Norfolk to arrange daylight trips, but it is probable that the lines out of Baltimore will follow its example. The Washington Chamber of Commerce has arranged to make the trip on the steamer leaving here Saturday, July 18.

WELSH BOYS TO SING.

Romilly Choir to Appear at Calvary Sunday School House Friday.

The Romilly School Boys' Choir, from Barry, Wales, is scheduled to sing at the Calvary Baptist Church Sunday school house, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the Italian mission supported by the Baptist churches of this city.

The choir is closing a two-month educational tour of this country, and has been warmly received at other places at which it has stopped in the United States. The choir carried off the highest honors at Worcester, Mass., in 1913, participated by special invitation at the Empire musical festival in London in 1911, and in 1912 won the gold prize at the international musical contest in Paris.

The boys, whose ages are from nine to fourteen years, sing in Welsh and English. The choir is composed of thirty-four members, and is under the direction of Prof. W. M. Williams, assisted by Miss Lafey and Miss Norton as soloists. The boy's orchestra of stringed instruments will take part in the concert.

LAWYERS HAVE SHAD BAKE.

Three Hundred Members of Bar Association Take Trip.

About 300 members of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia attended the twenty-seventh annual shad bake of the organization at Marshall Hall yesterday. The attorneys went down the river on the steamer Charles Maclester, the boat leaving Washington at 7 o'clock yesterday morning and reaching the city on the return trip shortly after 9 o'clock last night.

A base ball game between games captained by Justice J. Gould and Justice Wright was the amusement feature of the day, and no records as to the final score were preserved.

As the trip down the river, as well as on the return trip, was furnished by George O'Connor and Matt Horn, "assisted" by a chorus composed of members of the association. The committee in charge of the affair was composed of Charles J. Murphy, chairman, Clarence R. Wilson, Edward S. Kimball, J. Prescott Gately, Stanton J. Peelle, George T. Dunlop, Joseph A. Burkhardt, George H. O'Connor, Alexander H. Bell, Charles H. Bates and Edmund Brady.

NORMAL SCHOOL 'GRADS' PRESENT GREEK PLAY

Go to Homer for Ideas, But the Lines Are Original in "Guardians of the Hearth."

Dramatic Talent Displayed by Pleasant Surprise to Those in the Large Audience.

The fourteen young women who will graduate in the kindergarten course of the Normal School next month showed to their friends last night just what they can do in the dramatic line when they choose. They staged their highly successful effort in the compact and complete theatrical assembly room of the James Ormond Wilson School, and the name of the production is "Guardians of the Hearth."

Sounds a bit odd? Like it might be something on the order of the Boy Scouts? or "Way Down East"? Not at all. This dramatic performance is acclaimed by Normal School girls as the touchstone of amateur production in the classics. It is an episode from Homer's "Odyssey," with a brunette Ulysses, Greek boys, maidens, a king and queen and others, all played by the aforementioned fourteen young women.

You may search the records of the drama for ages and you will not find any mention of "Guardians of the Hearth," for there isn't any record of it. No one ever heard of it before.

Work Is Original.

No one except the cast and one or two Normal School preceptors will be able to quote you a line or two of the excellent blank verse. "Cause way? It was composed for the most part by members of the graduating class—the kindergarten teaching section—of the Normal School.

They were aided, and very materially, too, by Miss Marietta Stockard and other members of the faculty, but all hands agree that the class should get as much credit as possible.

Old Homer himself probably never dreamed that his poetic anecdote of Ulysses on the Isle of Phaeacia would ever be played here in Washington by fourteen fine-looking young women who painted their own back drops, struck their scenes, did their own stage-hand work and then drew the applause of 300 hands whose owners probably did not know that slight liberties had been taken with Homer's text just to make it interesting. However, the liberties taken were justifiable. Progressive kindergarten students can't be bound down to a reactionary like Homer.

A Revelation to Homer.

"Guardians of the Hearth" has a touch of beauty in it, at one or two places, that would make Homer strike his lyre ten times as hard as ever he struck it had he thought of the womanly strength that the fourteen young women furnished for his Phaeacian episode in spite.

The story told in the classic little play, which runs through three acts, is meant to convey the idea that woman's great work lies in the management of the simple and beautiful fundamental things centering around the hearth. It is a play for the home, with a capital H.

That's the idea, worked into blank verse that does not tire, and it is not stilted, and which at times is worthy of any one's admiration, at least last night's audience said so. And, of course, there is a love story in it. Pallas Minerva is responsible for it. She appeared to Nausicaa, Princess of Phaeacia, and told her a lot of things that set the girl to thinking, whereupon she fell in love with the first man she saw, which happened to be the tattered Ulysses. However, it was Telemachus she married, and Telemachus, as any high school lad in the classical course will tell you, was the son of the wanderer Ulysses, who suffered so much he was always mentioning it (after a glass of wine).

Saved by King's Daughter.

The greatest touch of genius, according to the audience, lies in the little scene in the second act wherein a young Greek boy is accused of stealing "the purple grapes which hang on the wall." King Alcinoos seemed to have taken over the jurisdiction of the present-day juvenile court and was about to sentence the lad to an all-night vigil in a dismal room in the palace, but his daughter interfered and the ensuing scene between her and the lad is one of great sympathy.

The fourteen young women of the cast danced in Greek dances, painted the scenes and produced an atmosphere that you will not find outside of a Greek poem. The presentation of "Guardians of the Hearth" is said to be by members of the James Ormond Wilson School faculty, one of the best dramatic efforts these girls have ever done, which is high praise.

The program gives the following cast: Pallas Minerva, Helen Dodge; Nausicaa, the maiden, Princess of Phaeacia, Maud Brice; Alcinoos, King of Phaeacia, Helen Townsend; Ulysses, the wanderer, Etta Ambler; Telemachus, the youth, son of Ulysses, Katherine Brackett; Clytemnestra, Phaeacian peasant, Esther Urlichson; Perseus, Phaeacian lad, Marie Woolnough; Amariylla, Vera Robertson; Chloe, Lydia Stearns; Oenone, Marie Woolnough; maidens, Rosa Breslauer, Myrtle Trainham and Jeannette Beale; Echeueus, Bertha Moore; Antinous, Elizabeth Naylor.

Prof. Max Muller of Philadelphia says the hobble skirt is 3,000 years old.

WORM CAUSES \$800,000 LOSS.

Department of Agriculture Shows Ravages of Tobacco Pest in Virginia.

Eight hundred thousands of dollars damage was done to the tobacco by the tobacco wire worm in the state of Virginia alone last year, according to a report of the Department of Agriculture. This does not mean a total damage even in the state of Virginia, because the wire worm attacks corn as well as tobacco, and on some of the larger farms directly across the Potomac last year corn had to be replanted three times on account of wire worm damage.

The Department of Agriculture has been looking into the subject and has issued a long statement on the best method of combating the worm. The chief thing that it recommends is clearing the field of weeds the season prior to planting either corn or tobacco and keeping the ground evenly cultivated to starve out the worms. Cow peas and crimson clover are recommended as the best crops to precede corn or tobacco.

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This Large "Polar King" Refrigerator, Eight Walls Insulation,

\$5.75

This Polar King Refrigerator has a double case and is well insulated. It is constructed of hardwood lumber throughout and is nicely finished. It has a tip-up wire shelf and is galvanized lined. The shelf, drain pipe, air flues and trap are easily removed for cleaning. It has brass hinges and knobs, and the ice capacity is 50 pounds. It is set at this price.

This Seamless Porcelain Leonard Cleanable Refrigerator,

\$25.00

This Family Size Refrigerator has an ash case with quartered oak panels. The circulation is of the side-wheel type. It has Leonard's seamless porcelain lining, ice rack, shelves, drain pipe and trap are all removable for cleaning. It is 30 inches wide and 39 1/2 inches high and has an ice capacity of 50 pounds.

This Genuine Quartered Oak Colonial Style Buffet,

\$25.00

This Handsome Buffet is in the colonial style and is made of genuine quartered oak and is highly polished. It has three large drawers, one of which is silver, and two large cupboards. All are fitted with wood pulls and cabinet locks. It has a heavy plate glass mirror, with beveled edges, and is a real value at this price.

This Solid Golden Oak Bent Glass China Closet,

\$11.75

This Beautiful China Closet is made of solid golden oak and has three shelves, grooved for dishes, and large bent glass ends. It is nicely finished and has brass door pull, and is fitted with cabinet lock. It has claw feet and is priced very low.

Bed Davenport

A Davenport by Day, a Bed at Night

This Golden Oak Bed Davenport, Imperial Leather

\$14.75

This Handsome Davenport opens by one motion to a full-size double bed. It is made of solid golden oak and is upholstered in black imperial leather and has heavy coil springs, all well tied and braced. It is really a bed, spring and mattress and a parlor davenport, and at the price of but one piece.

This Heavy Iron Frame Lawn Bench,

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This Large Hardwood Lawn Bench has an all-iron frame and the slats are of very heavy wood and are heavily varnished. Each slat is screwed on, and it makes a very strong bench for the price, for each leg is held securely by heavy iron braces.

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